

## LOCAL MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Paragraphs Which Tell of the Happenings of Local Moment in Greater St. Joseph

Anything Which Has Occurred Deserving of Local Notice Can Be Found in These Columns

Judge Allen has awarded part time custody of her two little sons to Mrs. Mabel H. Kettler, Thursday, Friday and Saturday with her, and Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with their father.

Through an order just received at the St. Joseph post office, second, third, and fourth class mail matter may now be forwarded to a new address, or of an addressee, or returned to the sender without delay, upon a guarantee of postal charges by the sender.

Rock Undertaking Co. Lady attendant, 216 Frederick avenue.—Adv.

It cost Cecil Commenau, a taxi driver, \$50 in police court Tuesday for carrying a blackjack. The latter was found enough to remove his coat in a barber shop, and the weapon was disclosed sticking in his pocket.

Information reached this city Tuesday of the death of Mrs. Chris Prebhe, a former well known resident of this city. Her death occurred in Cincinnati.

Your future foretold. Send dime, age, birthdate for truthful, reliable, convincing trial reading. Hazel House, Box 215, Los Angeles, Cal.—(Adv.)

Police Officer McCall is still wondering if he lost his purse Monday night, with \$20 in it, or if some smooth thief nipped it.

The Missouri State Association of Master Plumbers will meet here in annual convention March 8-9. There will be over 250 master plumbers in attendance at the convention.

The labor committee selling stock in the proposed labor store has decided to sell \$50,000 instead of the \$30,000 it was originally planned to spend.

Widow worth \$50,000, age 35, anxious to marry honorable gentleman. Write Mrs. Warr, 2216 1/2 Temple St., Los Angeles, Cal.—(Adv.)

A motion for a new trial in the Henry Wilgus damage case against the Missouri Bridge & Iron Co., in which the plaintiff was awarded \$3,000 by a jury last week, was refused by Judge Allen Tuesday.

It cost William Gray—not in color—\$15 in police court Tuesday for failure to feed his mule for four days.

For anything in the real estate line, see or write the Square Deal Real Estate Co., Savannah, Mo.—(Adv.)

James B. O'Brien has been appointed a movie picture censor, to fill the place of J. A. Millburn.

Belle Groves and Cora Hinach, two negro women, were arrested Monday, charged with shoplifting.

The Albemarle Investment Co. has purchased the Pape building at \$19,821 Frederick Avenue for \$30,900.

Jamison Machine Co., engineers and machinists' supplies. Shafting, hangers, pulleys. 215 No. 2nd.—Adv.

All of Moe Mayer's preserved goods were carted away from his home, Twenty-sixth and Francis, Monday night. The thieves were not apprehended.

Friends of William T. Gray, veteran police officer and former chief of police, are urging him to make the race for the nomination for police judge on the Republican ticket, to

success the late James T. Allee. So far Capt. Gray has not made a decision in the matter.

Don Riley's Motor Inn. Storage and best repair department in city. Ladies' rest room and free check room in connection. Seventh and Jule.—Adv.

A little blaze at the Elks Club was caused Sunday night by an overheated generator.

The Grant Motor Co. on Monday bought two lots on Tenth and Francis from Virginia Burnes, for \$32,500.

The O'Brien-Kiley Shoe Co. donated fifty pair of shoes to the welfare board Monday.

Viola Hall wants the street railway company to pay her \$10,000 for an alleged injury, and has sued for it.

M. J. Downey for best Plumbing and Gas Fitting. 1002 Frederick Ave. Phone 118.—Adv.

Isabelle Amos, alleging indignities, has filed suit for divorce from Charles W. Amos.

The \$30,000 suit of Adella Sidenfaden has been re-filed in the circuit court.

Cecil Dodson was arrested on Saturday night in a craps game, and was later held for carrying a concealed weapon.

Meierhoffer Undertaking Co. presents character, service and consideration. Ninth and Felix. Phone M. 366.—Adv.

Buchanan county has sued Ruth and Otis Roody for \$640 damages to a car owned by the county that collided with the Roody car.

The DeKalb Tribune on last Saturday suspended publication on account of not being able to secure help.

Farms for Sale—250 acres three miles from Graham, Mo. Well improved and priced right. Other good farms for sale. W. E. Freytag, Citizens Bank, Graham, Mo.—(Adv.)

W. A. Gorman, special salesman for the St. Joseph branch of the National Biscuit Co., has been made manager of the branch.

Charles P. Dehler's motor car ran over Cecil Baker, eleven years old, Saturday night, and broke his collar bone.

Everything you need for any kind of painting, wall paper, Chandler's Paint & Glass Co., 417 Edmund street.—Adv.

The directors of the Shearer School near Halls, which burned a couple of weeks ago, have called an election for Jan. 15 to vote on a \$2,000 bond proposition, with which to rebuild the school on a more elaborate scale.

A warrant was issued Wednesday for M. M. Coffman of Shannon City, Ia., charging him with cashing a check for \$815 on the Farmers & Traders Bank.

Some thief stole two gallons of poisoned alcohol from the Ginsco Chemical Co., Tuesday. There was enough poison in the alcohol to kill off half of St. Joseph.

The Johnson-Woodbury Hat Co. on Wednesday donated ten dozen hats and caps for boys and girls to the welfare board.

When he proved that he had but just purchased the gun, Judge Merritt on Wednesday fined Cecil Dodson \$5 for carrying concealed weapons and then stayed the fine.

The St. Joseph Auto Club has gone after the city authorities asking them to flush the down-town streets.

News reached the city Wednesday that Mrs. M. B. Irvine, wife of a former minister of this city, had died at her home, Newburg, Indiana. The remains were brought here, and interment took place at Mount Mora yesterday afternoon.

Acting under instructions from Sheriff Isaacson, but one person at a time is now allowed to see Hugh Y. Tarwater, who killed Editor Robertson at Gallatin Tuesday afternoon.

and that person is kept under constant surveillance during the visit.

Martha Jordan claims that not only would Charles L. Jordan support her, but he also deserted her, and in consequence she wants a divorce.

Mrs. Sarah, wife of Samuel A. Jones, died at her home, 405 Hickory, Wednesday.

Lawrence Movak, a prisoner at the county jail, was caught trying to saw his way out Tuesday night, and is now in the solitary.

Three groups of carol singers visited the various charitable institutions of the city Wednesday night and warbled Christmas carols for the inmates. The carolists were under the charge of Herbert Krumme, Arthur Blenbar and Hugh McNutt.

Forty marriage licenses were issued Wednesday by Recorder Yates, which discloses that the matrimonial fever is still strongly prevalent in this city and county.

The employees of the First National Bank and the First Trust Co. were on Wednesday "Christmased" to the extent of ten per cent of their yearly salaries.

When M. A. Taff met a negro on the South Sixth street viaduct at 1:30 Thursday morning, the negro could find but 30 cents in Taff's possession, so he appropriated that and warned Taff that if he did not have more money in his possession the next time that he held him up, he would slaughter him.

Bert Francis, the motorman who was hurt in the Garfield Avenue collision last Saturday, is still in a very serious condition. The other injured are improving.

Edward Remington, a Salvation Army lieutenant, lost his pocket book at the Union Station Wednesday, which contained \$67, and his papers.

The Christmas travel was so heavy Thursday that almost all trains arriving at the Union station were late—many several hours.

The ice harvest at Lake Contrary is proceeding with all speed.

Mrs. Florence Alston of Eleventh and Douglas, had trouble with her husband Wednesday, and on that night took poison at the National hotel. A stomach pump saved her.

N. B. Deitrich, who has been a department manager for Tootie-Campbell, has resigned, and will go to New York.

It is Violent Exertion. "You southerners call the game of dice 'African golf,' I believe?"

"Quite so."

"But surely, there isn't as much exercise in rolling dice as there is in playing golf?"

"Far more, when the game is played by ten or twelve colored gentlemen."

The Corn Is Scattering. Score one for the Kansas farmers. Corn huskers organized, and demanded fifteen cents a bushel for husking. The farmers organized and "flocked them out" of the corn fields. But maybe it's worth fifteen cents to husk Kansas corn. In some places it's mighty scatterin'.—Platte County Gazette.

Was Hardly a Compliment. "The school mistress is interested in you, dad."

"How's that?"

"Why, today, after she'd told me six times to sit down and behave myself, she wondered what kind of a father I had."

And Make All Happy. There is a great ad being made about printing without type. Now if somebody will find a way to print without paper the newspaper owners will be greatly relieved.—Moberly Democrat.

Some One Is Getting Cheated. Ten cent hogs and \$2 corn don't go together. Farmers can not afford to feed hogs at these prices and sell them to buyers at present prices. Somebody is getting cheated.—Howell County Gazette.

Is Sure Something to It. There must be something to this talk about a raisin putting the kick in drinks. A bunch of Californians are trying to corner the raisin crop.—Moberly Democrat.

More Optimism Than We Have. A new definition: An optimist is a fellow who will go to a restaurant without a cent figuring to pay for a meal with the pearl he hopes to find in the oysters.—Clinton County Democrat.

Too Many Thus Employed. Too many persons in this country are enjoying the right of free speech.—St. Louis Times.

## A PIONEER OF HOLT COUNTY

Is John Troxel Rhoades Who is Now Nearing Century Mark

AND IS STILL POSSESS-ED OF HIS FACULTIES

He Came to This Section When There Were Little Else Than Indians and Buffalo and Made the Trip Many Times to the Then "Golden West" But Eventually Returned to This Section Where He is Now Rounding Out a Long and Well Spent Life.

John Troxel Rhoades, who makes his home with his son, Jim Rhoades, just a short distance west of Fortescue on the latter's farm, for one of his years enjoys a wonderful memory and enjoys telling the stories of olden times when to own a hand-made wagon and a good team of oxen was a luxury not every one could enjoy. To hear Mr. Rhoades tell of his experiences in the early days is very interesting as told in his own way.

Born in the state of Illinois, Wayne county, April 27, 1831 and the oldest child of a family of six children, his father's name was Ebenezer Rhoades and he was engaged in farming and teaming in the early days. When John was about five years old the family emigrated to a point near Fairfield, Iowa, where, in 1841 the father and husband died, leaving John, the oldest boy, to assist his mother in keeping the little family together and providing them with a home.

John's grandfather was a carpenter by trade and in order to earn money to keep the little family together John went to work for his grandfather and in due time mastered the carpenter's trade, contributing his earnings to the support of the family. About the year 1848 Mrs. Rhoades met and married a man by the name of John Stout who had a family of seven children, who, with the six Rhoades children, John says made a pretty good sized family.

John remained with the family until he was about twenty years old when his mother died and he began hunting for himself. Up to this time he had very little chance of attending school; however, for one of his opportunities and the meager facilities at hand in those days, he picked up a fair education; stood six feet one and a half inches in his stocking feet and was able to figure a carpenter bill as well as any one.

At about the age of twenty-one he met and courted Miss Mary Johns of Unionville, Putnam County, Missouri. She, like himself, had been left an orphan and had no home; they were married in August, 1852 and went to housekeeping on a claim of 160 acres of land which they bought for \$50, here they lived for some time farming and Mr. Rhoades working at his trade and it was about this time that he planned and built one of the best houses, for those days, in Centerville, Iowa.

Father of Eleven Children. Mr. Rhoades is the father of eleven children: Henry, Sarah, William, James, Oma, Charlotte, Missouri, Edward, Clark and Ira; four were born in Missouri.

Mr. Rhoades was an expert in driving and taking care of oxen and July 28, 1853 he hired out to a firm by the name of Adams & McDonald for twenty dollars per month and board for himself and wife for a trip to Salt Lake City, with a train of twenty-one teams and a herd of 600 cattle, with a crew of thirty men and two ladies, Mrs. Rhoades and the wife of another driver named Green. The wagons were loaded with groceries and dry goods with the exception of one which was loaded with old fashioned nails. Starting from Fort Leavenworth they took the old Mormon trail, going up the Missouri river to the Platte river, taking their time and averaging about ten miles per day. Leaving the Missouri river they followed the Platte river. In the party were a number of circus musicians, and going through the country at that time there were a number of Indians who would visit their camp and the band boys would entertain the Indians during the evenings with music and at camp. The next morning it would be up to the Indians to entertain the train crew.

They made camp at Pacific Springs, Wyo. These two springs are noted for the fact that they are about six feet apart, one emptying into the Pacific ocean and the other into the Atlantic ocean. Leaving Pacific Springs they went over the Big Sandy river down Echo canyon to the Sweet Water river. Here they found it necessary to travel in the bed of the river for about three

## WAS A COSTLY AFFAIR

The Session of Republican Congress Closed Cost the Taxpayers Over \$3,000,000

Washington, D. C.—Failure of the Republican majorities in the Senate and House of Representatives either to carry out their unannounced legislative program or enact needful legislation except when spurred and prodded by President Wilson, was the subject of two Democratic addresses in Congress the closing days.

Senator Robinson pointed out that but two important measures had come before the Senate in the six months of the special session—the treaty of peace and the railroad bill, and that no decisive action had been taken upon either. Representative Aswell cited official figures to prove that "the expense to the people of Republican inaction is a minimum of \$20,000 a day, or \$3,000,000 already expended in the current expenses of this special session."

Representative Aswell spoke of the "unpardonable filibuster" by the Republicans in the last Congress, which prevented passage of many important pieces of appropriation and other legislation.

"Republican leaders, still eager to harass the President, during two months howled incessantly for a special session of Congress," continued Mr. Aswell. "They got it. They have had it for six months; they have done nothing and now they cry 'quilt.' Is it any wonder that the President foresaw this situation and appealed to the country for a Democratic Congress to support him in prosecuting the war, and to hold the confidence of the country by enacting straight forward efficient legislation during the reconstruction period through which we are now passing?"

"The country is now in ominous turmoil, lawlessness seeks excuse, business is paralyzed and afraid, and internal agitators would like to threaten organized government. Yet the Republican majority, in full control of the organization of this Congress sits supinely by without purposeful leadership."

"The country wants legislation on the railroads, the merchant marine,

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## the control and development of our national resources, our military and naval policies, the regulation of immigration, the high cost of living, the extension of motor truck mail service, highway construction and soldier relief measures. The Democrats in Congress are eager for action, yet the Republican majority refuses to act or permit action. Nothing has been done for the returned soldiers except what has been worked out and accomplished by the departments of the Government under a Democratic administration, for which the Republicans can no way claim credit.

"Three billion dollars worth of public business is tied up indefinitely by these war investigations. The country demands the disposal of motor trucks, automobiles and other army materials needed in civil life, yet the investigating committees are taking up the entire time of 40 per cent of the forces of the War Department in answering questions and preparing data for the investigating committees. No Democrat or department of the Government opposes the most searching investigation in quest of facts for the good of the Government but we and future business also receive the serious attention of the Congress."

No Home for Leonidas. "Does your husband stay home nights?" "Certainly not," said Mrs. Meekton. "I insist on his going with me to all the meetings I attend."

## POLICEMAN'S UNION IS NO MORE

There is no longer a policeman's union in St. Joseph, and it will be many a dry moon before another attempt will be made to start one, as the first and only was given a severe "rolling." The officers here had been given a week to get out of the union, and on Wednesday Officer Fred White, secretary of the union, appeared before the board of police commissioners and submitted conclusive evidence that the charter had been surrendered. The police commissioners then appointed Otto Fisher, P. F. Fisher and Lee Pearce probationary police officers and James Dunlap a turnkey. The meeting was held at the home of Commissioner R. E. Townsend, who is still confined to his home by illness.

## SUPREME JUDGE WOODSON HERE

Ever since 1904 Judge Arch M. Woodson has been one of the supreme bench of the state. His labors have been decidedly arduous and as a result, when last summer he had a severe attack of illness caused by a bad case of ivy poisoning, his general health was affected and he suffered a near nervous breakdown. On Wednesday he was brought from Jefferson City to the home of his brother, Dr. C. R. Woodson, where he will be given treatment, and as soon as he recovers sufficiently to travel will be taken south to recuperate. The many friends of Judge Woodson here are deeply solicitous for his speedy recovery.



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